

I urge to to take action in the public interest to stop the outrageous partisan actions by owners of companies like sinclair trying to unduly use their media access to influence the American election. The right to use the public airways free of charge is a unique one and comes with tremendous responsibility to represent all Americans' interests, not private political opinion. Please take action to stop this distortion of our elective process with manipulative one sided media coverage before the elections.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.